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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: Irvin Corley, Jr., Director

DATE: October 3, 2007

RE: Reprogramming Request of Block Grant Funds to support,
Maintain and operate a Community & Educational Services for
Family, Youth and Senior Development Corporation (CES)
Warming Center (**Departmental Report**)

*Line Item 3
on today's
calendar*

Based on an email response from Ms. Thomasina Tucker of the Planning & Development Department (see first attachment), the CES group is unable to receive a reprogramming of block grant dollars for the warming center because:

- There is a 15% cap for public service dollars based on annual CDBG entitlement plus program income from the previous year, and the 15% cap does not roll forward to a future fiscal year.
- The City of Detroit's annual allocation was just approved, PDD is just now starting to enter into new contracts, City Council budgeted up to the public service cap, and all projected CDBG funds have been allocated and approved by HUD.
- Unless a group that was approved is found ineligible in 2007-08 or declines an award, there is no additional money that can be used for public service activities.

In a previous letter (see also attached), PDD suggests that CES request for any available funds to operate a warming center from the Department of Human Services, who may have some available funds for reprogramming.

cc: Council Divisions

Irvin Corley - Re: Reprogramming request

From: Thomasina Tucker
To: Douglass Diggs; Irvin Corley
Date: 9/19/2007 5:46 PM
Subject: Re: Reprogramming request
CC: Alberta Talabi; Alia Moss; Althea Jackson; Angela Jones; Anne Marie Langan; Barbara-Rose Collins; Brenda Jones; David Whitaker; Derrick Headd; George Stanton; Janice tillman; Jerry Pokorski; JoAnn Watson; John Clark; Kandia Milton; Kenneth Cockrel; Kerwin Wimberley; Kwame Kenyatta; Marcell Todd; Martha Reeves; Millard Porterica; Monica Conyers; Pamela Scales; Peggy Robinson; Renee Baker; Roger Short; Rory Bolger; Sam Riddle; Shelia Cockrel; Terri Wilson; Valeria Miller; Victor L. Marsh

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There is a 15% cap for public service based on the annual CDBG entitlement plus program income from the previous fiscal year. That 15% is annual and does not roll forward. The City of Detroit's annual allocation was just approved. The Department is just now starting to enter into new contracts. The City Council budgeted up to the public service cap. All projected CDBG funds have been allocated and approved by HUD.

Unless one of the groups that was approved is found ineligible or declines the award, there is no additional money that can be used for public service activities.

Funding for public service that was awarded to groups in prior years can not be rolled over into public service activities in the current year, unless some one opts out. Those funds must be reprogrammed to another activity i.e. rehab or public improvements that does not have a cap.

>>> Irvin Corley 9/19/2007 4:18 PM >>>

Doug, today at the Planning & Economic Committee meeting, chairwoman Barbara-Rose Collins referred the item below to us for review/recommendation.

You indicate in your response below that the department is unable to reprogram \$150,000 in block grant funds to the Community & Educational Services for Family, Youth and Senior Development Corporation (CES) in FY 2007-08 because the City of Detroit is not allowed to spend in excess of 15% of the total CDBG allocation on public service activities.

Please answer the following questions by Tuesday, September 25th, since this issue is coming back to the P & E Committee on Wednesday, September 26th.

1. Are there any unused public service dollars available to accommodate a \$150,000 reprogramming to CES so the organization can maintain the operation of its warming center in 2007-08?
2. Where are you in terms of the 15% cap on total CDBG funds? Is there any wiggle room within the cap to accommodate the reprogramming request?

Thank you for your response.

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CITY OF DETROIT
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

August 20, 2007

Detroit City Council
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RE: Petition #1841, Community & Educational Services for Family, Youth and Senior Development Corporation (CES) Request Reprogramming \$150,000 CDBG Funds to Support, Maintain, and Operate Warming Center

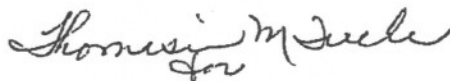
Honorable City Council:

During the City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on July 6, 2007, the above captioned matter was referred to the Planning & Development Department for response. CES submitted a proposal requesting \$112,180.00 under the Neighborhood Opportunity Fund Program for the 2007-08 funding year. After careful review of the proposal, the Planning & Development Department through the Mayor's Office did not recommend funding because the organization did not meet the minimum threshold funding requirements. In addition, according to the City Planning Commission, the organization did not attend the mandatory NOF workshop.

As you are aware, the City of Detroit as regulated by the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), is not allowed to spend in excess of 15% of the total CDBG allocation on public service activities. Therefore, we are unable to reprogram CDBG dollars to CES for the 2007-08 funding year. Additionally, any request for funds to operate a warming center should be directed to the Department of Human Services.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (313) 224-2570.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass J. Diggs
Director of Planning and Development

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cc: Kandia Milton
Constance Bell
Thomasina M. Tucker
Ashanté Diallo
Fern Clement
Valerie Upshaw

KWAME M. KILPATRICK, MAYOR

Planning & Economic Development
Standing Committee

Refer to Committee: *4-18-07*
Committee Line Item: *#3 10-3-07*
Formal Session: _____
Disposition: _____

City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Janice M. Winfrey
City Clerk

Vivian A. Hudson
Deputy City Clerk



DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Friday, July 06, 2007

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below
From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1841 *Community & Educational Services for Family, Youth and Senior Development, Corporation request reprograming of Block Grant Funds to support, maintain, and operate CES Warming Center.*

1841
Community & Educational Services for Family,
Youth and Senior Development Corporation

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June 22, 2007

Mr. Douglas Diggs, Director
Planning and Development Department
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Detroit, MI 48226

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DETROIT
CITY CLERK

**RE: Reprogram Dollars for Community & Educational Service for Family,
Youth and Seniors Development Corporation - Project Name CES Warming Center**

Dear Mr. Diggs;

We are requesting \$150, 000.00 of Reprogram Block Grand Funding to support our effort to maintain the operation of the CES Warming Center.

Community & Educational Service for Family, Youth and Seniors (CES) Development Corporation is thankful for the opportunity to present this request for your consideration. We struggle to revitalize the living situation of Detroit and your support is essential for our mission, which, in part, is to break the cycles of homelessness, incarceration, substance abuse and chronic poverty.

Last year we were funded thru the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) by the City of Detroit. This year, however, we did not receive any funds from the CDBG, not due to the merit of our application, but due to the requirement process. We would like to take this opportunity to justify our program through this letter for your support.

Since 2001, CES has collaborated with a number of nonprofits, to name a few, Operation Get Down, Cass Community, New Detroit and the City of Detroit, to offer emergency shelter to the chronic homeless. Our organization has provided homeless services to a total of 30,000 homeless persons.

Per the U.S. Census in 1990 Michigan had 3,784 homeless, 2.1% of the population and in 2000 Michigan had 4,745 homeless, 2.89% of the population. The benefit for the services we provided are prevention of serious illness of homeless persons due to exposure of low temperatures and a reduction of homeless persons being sent to jail.

In the last year CES provided a warm, safe and clean environment for 8,960 homeless persons in the form of: 17,900 hot meals, hot showers, 8,960 hygiene kits, mattress, sheets, blankets, clothing, transportation, supportive assistance, and references into key community resources (i.e. health, jobs, and housing). Our goal is to assist individuals to become self-sufficient and productive members in the community.

Our measurable outputs for last year were:

Beds, mattress, sheets and blanks

80 beds x 7 days a week x 16 weeks = 8,960

Hot meals (Dinner and Breakfast)

160 per night x 7 days a week x 16 weeks = 17,900

Showers and hygiene products (i.e. soap, delicing products towels and deodorant)

80 persons per night x 7 days a week x 16 weeks = 8,960

Transportation from SPR Center in the evening to CES and back to SPR in the morning

160 round trips x 7 days a weeks x 16 weeks = 17,900

Clean clothing (i.e. coats, socks, under garments, shirts, pants)

Clothing for 40 clients per week x 16 weeks = 640

Assist chronic homeless persons in finding transitional housing and/or permanent supportive housing, substance abuse and mental health counseling
5 individuals x 3 days per week = 20

These services are provided from November to the end of March, 7 days a week from 7pm thru 7am, and if the temperature falls below zero (0) we operate the center during the daylight hours.

The families and individuals we assist with our services are grateful and we are prayful to be there for them in their time of need. CES is about winning souls and feeding the hungry. We would appreciate any assistance you can provide us regarding this request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration for the CES Warming Center.

Sincerely,

Dr. Alfred D. Knight, Jr.

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